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SUBJECT: SPECULATION ON NEW POLITICAL PARTIES

1. CONSERVATIVE "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF AUGUST 15 CARRIES FRONTPAGE ARTICLE FROM ATHENS CORRESPONDENT ON PROBABLE FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES FOLLOWING PAPADOPOULOS INAUGURATION AUGUST 19. REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO RELIABLE SOURCES, IDENTIFIES FOLLOWING FOUR PROSPECTIVE PARTIES, THREE CENTERED AROUND REGIME FIGURES AND FOURTH INCLUDING FORMER CU MEMBERS:

A) PARTY HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT MAKAREZOS AND INCLUDING UNDERSECRETARIES OF EDUCATION ASLANIDES AND AND COMMERCE BALOPOULOS. MAKAREZOS, REPORT STATES, HAS AMBITION TO PLAY LEADING POLITICAL ROLE TO "INSURE THAT WORK OF REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE ENDANGERED BY PERSONS OF QUESTIONABLE DEVOTION TO NEW POLITICAL REGIME".

B) "LARGER POLITICAL MOVEMENT" UNDER MINISTER OF ECONOMY EFESIOS INCLUDING MINISTERS OF EDUCATION GANDONAS AND SOCIAL SERVICES LADAS. PROPOSED GROUPING WOULD INCLUDE "ABOUT 40" FORMER POLITICIANS, 20 RETIRED COLONELS, 60 EPOK LEADERS, AND 150 OTHERS INCLUDING FORMER AGRARIAN BANK OFFICIALS, PEPELASIS AND MONFERATOS.

C) "LARGE" POLITICAL MOVEMENT OF PAPADOPOULOS MINISTERS HEADED BY MINISTERY TO PM AGATHANGELOU AND UNDERSECRETARY TO

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PAPACONSTANTINOU AND E. TSELLOS.

D) MOVEMENT TO ORGANIZE FORMER CU LEADERS WHO "WOULD RECOGNIZE EXISTING REALITY". PARTY WOULD BE UNDER EX-DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BANK OF GREECE PESMATZOGLOU AND WOULD INCLUDE FORMER CU UNDERSECRETARY ATHANASIOS KANELLOPOULOS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR GEORGE KOUMANTOS, FORMER KEPE DIRECTOR KOUTSIMARIS, AND KAVALA LAWYER PANAYOTOPOULOS.

2. ALSO NOTED AT END OF LIST WAS CONTINUING AMBITION OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADER MARKEZINIS TO LEAD OWN PARTY IN ELECTIONS.

3. RUNNING CONTRARY TO ABOVE, REPORT CONCLUDES THAT SOURCES CLOSE TO PRESIDENT EMPHASIZE THAT PAPADOPOULOS DOES NOT "FAVOR CREATION OF MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION TO EXPRESS PRINCIPLES OF APRIL 21".
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